

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RATING DATABASE OBJECTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises a step of visually representing a rating by means of a color.

6. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the objects are programs in an electronic program guide (EPG) database, and the categories of the first and second level are genres and sub-genres of said programs, respectively.

9. (Amended) An apparatus as defined in claim 7, characterized in that the apparatus further comprises a display screen and the

user profile means are adapted to visually represent a rating by means of a color.

12. (Amended) A broadcast receiver as an apparatus as defined in claim 7, said objects being programs in an electronic program guide (EPG) database, and the categories of the first and second level being genres and sub-genres of said programs, respectively.

13. (Amended) A computer program product for performing, when executed on a programmable computing device, the steps of the method as defined in claim 1.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to reformat the claims to delete all multiple dependencies prior to calculation of the filing fee and place the instant application in standard U.S. format.

Entry of this amendment prior to calculating the filing fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (Amended) A method ~~as defined~~ as defined in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the method further comprises a step of visually representing a rating by means of a color.

6. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that the objects are programs in an electronic program guide (EPG) database, and the categories of the first and second level are genres and sub-genres of said programs, respectively.

9. (Amended) An apparatus as defined in claim 7 ~~or 8~~, characterized in that the apparatus further comprises a display screen and the user profile means are adapted to visually represent a rating by means of a color.

12. (Amended) A broadcast receiver as an apparatus as defined in claim 7 ~~any one of claims 7 to 11~~, said objects being programs in an electronic program guide (EPG) database, and the categories of the first and second level being genres and sub-genres of said programs, respectively.

13. (Amended) A computer program product for performing, when executed on a programmable computing device, the steps of the method as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~.